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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO PORTUGAL BY SECRETARY

REF: STATE 093440

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR SCOTT

1. IF YOUR TRAVEL PLANS UPON THE CONCLUSION OF YOUR PRESENT MIDDLE EAST TRIP WILL PERMIT, SUGGEST THAT YOU CONSIDER A BRIEF STOP-OVER IN LISBON EN ROUTE BACK TO WASHINGTON. SUCH A GESTURE WOULD SIGNIFY OUR APPROVAL FOR THE NEW PORTUGUESE REGIME'S IMPLEMENTATION OF EXTENSIVE CIVIL LIBERTIES AND THEIR ESPOUSAL OF A FORM OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR PORTUGUESE AFRICA, AND WOULD SWEETEN THE ATMOSPHERE FOR THE AZORES NEGOTIATIONS.

2. THERE WILL PROBABLY BE THOSE WHO WILL INTERPRET SUCH A TRIP AS INTERFERENCE IN PORTUGUESE DOMESTIC POLITICAL AFFAIRS, SPECIFICALLY AS AN EFFORT TO PROTEST AGAINST THE (LIKELY) PRESENCE OF COMMUNISTS IN THE GOVERNMENT (AS HAPPENED FOLLOWING MY INITIAL CALL ON GENERAL SPINOLA). I DOUBT THAT SUCH INTERPRETATIONS WILL BE GIVEN MUCH CREDENCE, IN PORTUGAL

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OR ELSEWHERE. INDEED, THE PORTUGUESE TOOK NOTE OF

YOUR JANUARY TRIP TO MADRID TO MEET THE NEW GOVERNMENT THERE AND WOULD GENERALLY CONSIDER IT THEREFORE QUITE IN KEEPING FOR YOU TO DO THE SAME FOR THEM JUST AFTER THEIR CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY SINCE THEY HAVE CHANGED TOWARD A SYSTEM MORE PLEASING IN OUR SIGHT.

3. THE PORTUGUESE MAY BE IN THE THROES OF INSTALLING A NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AT SUCH TIME AS IT MIGHT BE CONVENIENT FOR YOU TO STOP HERE. IT THUS MIGHT NOT FULLY FIT IN WITH THEIR PLANS TO HAVE YOU HERE AT THAT TIME. IT WOULD, NONETHELESS, SERVE OUR INTERESTS TO SOME DEGREE IF WE COULD INDICATE TO THEM YOUR WILLINGNESS TO STOP HERE FOR A FEW HOURS ON YOUR RETURN TO WASHINGTON IF THAT WERE CONVENIENT TO THEM. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. AS TO CALLAGHAN'S PROPOSAL THAT YOU MEET SOARES (REFTEL), I HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS. CALLAGHAN AND OTHER EUROPEAN LEADERS MET HIM AS A FELLOW SOCIALIST. A MEETING WITH SOARES IN LONDON OR IN WASHINGTON, AS SUGGESTED REFTEL, WOULD BE PUZZLING TO THE NEW PORTUGUESE LEADERSHIP AND MIGHT BE TAKEN TO IMPLY A U.S. DESIRE TO KEEP THE NEW REGIME AT ARMS'S LENGTH. FOR HIM TO BE SINGLED OUT FOR YOUR ATTENTION FROM AMONG POLITICAL LEADERS IN LISBON WOULD BRING UPON US THE ENMITY OF HIS POLITICAL COMPETITORS. IF HE SHOULD BE PROVISIONAL FOREIGN MINISTER OR PRIME MINISTER DURING A VISIT BY YOU TO LISBON, IT WOULD OF COURSE BE QUITE PROPER FOR YOU TO MEET HIM. THERE IS, HOWEVER, NO CERTAINTY THAT HE WILL EVEN BE ONE OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT MINISTERS. IF NOT, AND BARRING THE ARRANGEMENT OF A MEETING BETWEEN YOU AND SEVERAL LEADING POLITICAL LIGHTS DURING A VISIT BY YOU TO LISBON, I WOULD ARGUE AGAINST A MEETING WITH SOARES AT THIS TIME.  
SCOTT

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